

May 17, 2006

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Mike Ellegood, Maricopa County, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, May 25, 2006, 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Draft April 27, 2006 Minutes

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Approve Draft minutes of the April 27, 2006 meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.

3. For information and discussion.

4. For information and discussion.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

5. Interim Closeout of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 MAG Federally Funded Program

The interim closeout has established that there should be at least \$3.5 million in uncommitted MAG Federal funds available for the current fiscal year. This includes two additional projects that have recently been requested for deferral. In addition, there may be as much as \$2 million in redistributed Obligation Authority, which usually is notified to States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations during late July to mid August, but occasionally has occurred as late as mid September. Member agencies have submitted requests for closeout projects totaling almost \$14 million (see the table in Attachment One). These projects have been divided up into priorities as previously established by the Regional Council and are currently being

5. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend the deferral of some additional projects from FY 2006 to FY 2007 and to make recommendations on possible priorities for utilizing MAG Federal funds that become available through the FY 2006 Closeout Process.

rated for CMAQ and CMS scores, where appropriate. Members will have the opportunity to review the projects submitted for consideration and recommend priorities for the funding expected to be available. Additional information on the CMAQ and CMS scores will be provided as soon as they are available.

6. Changes to the Approved January 25, 2006 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures

The January 25, 2006, ALCP Policies and Procedures are in need of clarification regarding issues such as ALCP Programming; ALCP Project updates; third party contributions; and other technical items. The proposed changes have been discussed with MAG member agencies at an ALCP Working Group meeting, which was held on April 25, 2006. Please see Attachment Two, which includes a copy of the updated ALCP Policies and Procedures, and a Memorandum explaining the proposed changes to the previously approved January 25, 2006 ALCP Policies and Procedures.

7. Draft FY 2007 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP)

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies a total of 94 arterial street projects, which are categorized into five-year phases within the plan. The arterial street projects will be directly funded from the regional sales tax extension, and from MAG federal funds. As part of the ALCP process, Lead Agencies are required to update ALCP Project information at least once a year. While developing the Draft FY 2007 ALCP, participating Lead Agencies have submitted project information for all ALCP Projects following the process and deadlines that were set for the 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the RTP 2006 Update. MAG staff has programmed the Draft FY 2007 ALCP using this Project

6. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of the proposed changes to the previously approved January 25, 2006 ALCP Policies and Procedures.

7. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2007 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP).

information, and the projected revenue streams of the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF), MAG Surface Transportation Program funds (STP-MAG), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. Please refer to Attachment Three.

8. Recommendation and Approval of Elderly Mobility Sign Project

MAG currently has a federally funded project totaling \$400,000 in the 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to fund Elderly Mobility Signage (Please see Attachment Four). This project, recommended by both the Elder Mobility Stakeholders and the MAG Safety Committee, will provide funding for local jurisdictions to implement a street sign project according to the *FHWA Guidelines and Recommendations To Accommodate Older Drivers and Pedestrians*. Funding is available for the production costs of the signs, including materials, extra posts, mounting brackets, and costs for Clearview font software. Funds are not provided for any installation costs. There will be a two-year time frame for cities and towns to complete the installation of the signs and participate in an evaluation of the efforts of this project.

9. Designation of Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Recipient

On May 11, 2006, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) received a formal request from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to recommend that the City of Phoenix be designated by the Governor as the recipient of Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funds for the region. According to new SAFETEA-LU regulations, ADOT needs to recommend a recipient to the Governor in order for these funds to be used for FY 2006.

8. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of the Elderly Mobility Sign Project.

9. Recommend approval for ADOT to request that the Governor designate the City of Phoenix as the JARC and New Freedom designated recipient for the region.

The City of Phoenix is the current designated recipient of Federal Transit funds and has requested to continue this responsibility with respect to JARC and New Freedom funds. As displayed in Attachment Five, a memorandum will be presented to inform the committee of this request and to request that the City of Phoenix be recommended to the Governor's Office as the designated recipient of JARC and New Freedom funds.

10. Member Agency Update

This section of the Agenda will provide Committee members with an opportunity to share information regarding a variety of transportation-related issues within their respective communities.

10. For information and discussion.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, June 29, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

11. For information and discussion.